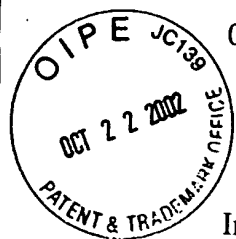


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MIKIO SANADA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/725,032

Filed: November 29, 2000

For: METHOD OF REFORMING
ELEMENT SURFACE, ELEMENT
WITH REFORMED SURFACE,
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
ELEMENT WITH REFORMED
SURFACE, SURFACE
TREATMENT LIQUID FOR
FORMING REFORMED
SURFACE, AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING SURFACE
TREATMENT LIQUID

Examiner: S. Nolan

Group Art Unit: 1772

October 21, 2002

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002,
imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for
prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of seventeen
patentably distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-3, drawn to reforming method using liquid having
parts, classified in class 427;